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CHINA.

Report from Hongkong—Plague and smallpox.

Passed Assistant Surgeon McMullen reports, March 18, as follows: During the week ended March 14, 1903, 10 vessels were inspected, 533 crew and 90 steerage passengers were bathed at the disinfecting station, and 690 pieces of baggage disinfected. During the time covered by this report there were 17 cases and 17 deaths from plague (Chinese), and 4 cases of smallpox with 1 death. The only other communicable disease reported during the week was 3 cases of enteric fever with 1 death. Two cases of cholera were reported in this colony during December last, the only cases since October last, but none have been reported to this office since.

During the week just ended there were inspected and labeled 40 cases of bristles, to be held thirty days before shipment.

COLOMBIA.

Report from Bocas del Toro, fruit port.

Acting Assistant Surgeon Osterhout reports, April 15, as follows: Week ended April 14, 1903. Population, not obtainable. Number of deaths, 3. Prevailing diseases, malarial fever and smallpox. Of the 3 deaths reported for the week, 1 was due to malarial fever, 1 smallpox, 1 puerperal peritonitis; all native adults. General sanitary condition of this port and the surrounding country during the week, good. No new cases of smallpox reported. The Government medical officer reports no one in the pesthouse with smallpox.

Bills of health were issued to the following vessels.

Date.	Name of vessel.	Number of crew.	Number of passengers from this port.	Number of passengers in transit.	Pieces of baggage disinfected.
Apr. 8	Anselm.....	36	0	0	0
11	Mount Vernon	20	0	0	0
11	Fort Gaines	24	0	0	0

COSTA RICA.

Report from Limon, fruit port—Yellow fever.

Acting Assistant Surgeon Gruver reports, April 16, as follows: Week ended April 16, 1903. Census population, 4,000; number of deaths, 6. Prevailing diseases, malaria, syphilis, and tuberculosis. No quarantinable diseases. General sanitary condition of this port and the surrounding country during the week, bad. Yellow fever increasing and type becoming graver.